

FW: Convoys and Protests

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Good afternoon

As you can see below, we are mobilizing all Commanding Officers and their respective teams across the country. The objective is to ensure we are all aligned, that focus is on preventing/detering new blockades and that information (operational, investigative, political) continues to flow to NHQ that I can then relay to you and relevant Ministers.

Brenda

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Good Afternoon All,

This has certainly been a busy week for the RCMP, other police services, government departments and elected officials at all levels of government as it relates to the ongoing convoys, protests and blockades across the country. As we head into the weekend, we will no doubt be faced with not only ongoing challenges, operations and investigations but new and unexpected ones as well.

Therefore, I thought it may be helpful to provide you with a quick update on some meetings and conversations we have been having at NHQ and with Federal Government representatives and to provide you with a few considerations you might want to include in briefings with your team or add to any operational planning.

Firstly, I have attached a document that we received from Transport Canada which we have modified to fit our policing realities and potential engagement with protestors/demonstrators. It provides a good strategy model and could be easily adapted to multiple circumstances and planning.

Secondly, the Federal Government is very supportive of the work being undertaken by the RCMP with the known protests but naturally they are inquiring what we may be doing proactively to prevent protests/demonstrations and blockades. Clearly, in rural areas of the country it may be difficult to determine this and you only become aware once it has happened. This speaks somewhat to intelligence gathering and sharing (which is a question asked from government), being aware of potential areas of concern within your Division, and possibly proactive work, all of which I am sure you have considered. As examples, you might want to consider activities such as having IBET units patrolling Points of Entry to monitor traffic activities, patrols in areas of critical infrastructure, and transportation terminals such as, airports, train stations, and marine ports. The Commissioner is being asked about our proactive work in this regard and your work in these areas assists her in providing confidence to the government that we are not just simply reacting and we are well engaged with our policing partners in all areas, including resource supports.

In terms of sharing best practices and strategies, I was speaking with D/C Dwayne McDonald today and he shared the following activities they have undertaken in "E" Division:

In terms of practical steps:

- we've identified those employees with the proper class of truck/tow licences
- distributed a legal powers/authorities list to members
- have members (in addition to DLT) at our critical sites to respond immediately should a blockade be attempted
- set up direct points of contacts with our muni partners (Abbotsford PD has two international borders and an airport, Delta PD has the Point Roberts POE)
- real time monitoring of the province through our RTIC (Real time intelligence centre)

To date we have both PoJ and DLT engaged at the one protest camp located off the road near the 176 (Pacific Truck Crossing) all week. The organisers are very cooperative and do not support blocking the border. We have been messaging that Lawful, Peaceful and safe protests are fine but occupations and blockades will NOT be tolerated. There have not been any issues that have required arrests in RCMP Jurisdictions to date. At 176 Border Crossing City bylaws and RCMP Traffic Services have been engaged as well and been on site as well. CIRG INTEL are monitoring several people online that are wanting to block the border but they do not have a leadership role.

In closing, I hope sharing these few updates and considerations may be useful to your teams and also to assist in the discussion at the Ad hoc SEC/CO meeting next Wednesday morning.

Have a safe weekend,

Regards,

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